

Looming of Peace and Victory News To Spur United Drive Opening To-day

Wilson Writes That Work of "Big Seven" Will Be Needed During Long Period of Demobilization When American Soldiers Return

Every Large Corporation in City to Give Sum Equal to Quarter of One Per Cent of Capital Stock to Fund for Fighting Men

Kaiser William's abdication, American victories in France and the looming of peace—three great world events—are expected to "put over" with a rush the gigantic United War Work Campaign, which gets under way tomorrow, the United States to-day.

From coast to coast every city, town and village will see hundreds and thousands of men, women and children, cheered to redoubt their efforts by the news from Europe, take up the task of obtaining for the welfare of our victorious warriors the vast fund called for by President Wilson.

Although \$170,500,000 has been set originally as the goal for the seven large organizations participating in the drive, it is now stated that \$250,000,000 would be nearer the sum needed to carry out their vital undertakings.

Work Needed, Wilson Writes
As each day brings closer the period of demobilization the importance of the "Big Seven" grows instead of less. President Wilson took cognizance of this fact when he wrote to Dr. John R. Mott, director general of the campaign:

"No matter how distant the day of peace may prove to be it will be followed by a long period of demobilization, during which the opportunity and need for the constructive work of these organizations will be quite as great as in war time, and I am glad to note that your plans contemplate serving the soldiers and sailors in this critically important period."

New York City's army of canvassers gets away to a flying start under the generalship of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., chairman of the executive committee. Subscriptions of \$8,000,000 have already been pledged before the first gun is fired, and an announcement made yesterday by the industries division of the New York campaign will serve to boost this figure materially.

Corporations to Rally
Every large corporation in the city, it is stated, has agreed to give to the fund an amount equal to one-quarter of 1 per cent of its outstanding capital stock as a voluntary minimum contribution. This sum, which will mount into the millions, is to be paid in four equal installments on December 1 and on the first of each of the three following months.

In addition, each firm doing business in greater New York is called upon to impose on itself during the week of the campaign a tax of not less than 2½ per cent of its net profits, paying it in the same way as the corporations' donations.

Every employee of the corporations and firms included in the agreement are to give individual contributions, the lower salaried ones a minimum of one day's pay, the higher salaried and firm members larger gifts. In making public its plan, which includes representatives of 105 trades and businesses, the division managers said:

"The purpose is to muster every American who can afford to give into the ranks of the contributors to the fund for the soldiers and sailors. A wide distribution will place the burden, if such it be, so that it will rest lightly on the shoulders of the many, instead of heavily on those of the few."

First Luncheon This Noon
The largest subscriptions locally are expected to come in through the "Rainbow Division" of 300 prominent men and women, divided into thirty teams, who will tackle all the big financiers, bankers, corporation heads and philanthropists. Each one of the canvassers has been given a carefully selected list of names, with the tentative amount each person should give. How well they succeed in obtaining this quota will be discovered when the team members get together at luncheon this afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce.

A number of events yesterday heralded the opening of the campaign, including a housewarming for a Jewish Welfare Board canteen in Seward Park, a monster concert given by E. F. Albee at the Hippodrome and a meeting under Salvation Army auspices at Carnegie Hall.

"The world is moving fast," said Jacob H. Schiff, speaking to several thousand persons at the opening of the new canteen. "But one thing is self-evident, and that is in seventeen months of effort America has done a great work in this war."

Aid Needed More Than Ever
"Now that the war is ending happily for everybody, the war work organizations will for many months need our support more than ever. Our soldiers and sailors will demand more attention when the grim business of battle is over and the guns have ceased. These agencies will have to send over more men and women than ever before. It will take over a year to bring the army home, and when the boys come back we want them to feel that we did what we could for them."

"There is no nobler work than that of the war welfare organizations. Let us say to the men and women engaged in this war, both here and abroad,

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



"All in One Hat"

THE countrywide United War Work Campaign starts this morning and lasts one week, ending Monday, November 18.

The drive purposes to raise a minimum of \$170,500,000, of which New York's quota is \$35,000,000. The fund is for the work of the seven big organizations looking to the welfare of American fighters—Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, National Catholic War Council (Knights of Columbus), Jewish Welfare Board, War Camp Community Service, American Library Association and Salvation Army.

To-day's Drive Schedule

8 a. m.—Drive opens; thirty teams of prominent men and women start canvassing among 10,000 philanthropic persons.

9 a. m.—Public Library steps—Denman Pink begins painting picture symbolizing American Library Association.

11 a. m.—Silver Road to Berlin, or coin race between the Lams and Friars, starts at Thirty-fourth Street and Fifth Avenue, George M. Cohan, William Collier, Police Commissioner Enright and host of entertainers participating.

Noon.—Elsie Ferguson appears at the Ritz while Junior League women start sale of "Y" pie.

1:15 p. m.—Luncheon of teams at Chamber of Commerce to report morning's subscriptions. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., chairman.

7:30 p. m.—Camp Upton begins drive for \$75,000 with three meetings.

and particularly our own Jewish workers, that I reverence them from the bottom of my heart."

The all-star benefit at the Hippodrome last night, the first theatrical performance for the campaign, was a huge success, every seat in the big playhouse being sold out.

Noted Performers Entertain

List of entertainers included every vaudeville headliner of importance in the city and representatives of grand opera, musical comedy and the legitimate stage. The splendid Pelham Bay Naval Reserve Band, sent for the occasion by Rear Admiral Usher, received enthusiastic applause, which they shared with every other performer of the evening. Raymond Hitchcock acted as master of ceremonies.

Among those who appeared were Julia Arthur, Lillian Russell, Phyllis Neilson Terry, Al Jolson, Sergeant Irving Berlin, Irene Franklin and Burton Green, Blanche Ring, Frisco, Lorette MacDonald, Bert Kelly's Jazz Band, Trilby Friganzza, Belle Baker, Juliet Van and Schenck, Sophie Tucker, Craig Campbell, Clarence Whitehill, Aven Comedy Four, Gus Edwards's Attabey Revue, Wellington Cross, Ben Ali Troupe, the Cansinos, Robert Emmet Keane, Will and Gordon Dooley, Mollie King, Lester Sheehan, Pearl Legay, Charles King and Phil Baker and Marguerite Contesse.

"Marseillaise" Sung At News of Flight Of Kaiser and Son

At Carnegie Hall last night, where the United War Work Drive was being launched, the news that the Kaiser and Crown Prince had fled to Holland brought representatives of all creeds and denominations to their feet in

wild cheers. While the Salvation Army band blared out the "Marseillaise" the people sang.

Myron T. Herrick presided at the meeting. Among the speakers were Bishop Peter J. Muldoon, chairman of the National Catholic War Council; the Rev. Dr. Joseph Silverman, rabbi of Temple Emanu-El; Miss Evangeline Booth, commander in chief of the Salvation Army; and the Rev. Dr. Karl Reiland, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church.

George Gordon Battle spoke of the tremendous work which would be accomplished by the \$170,500,000 which the campaign expected to raise. The coming of peace and the demobilization of the army would require, he said, an even greater expenditure for welfare work than if the war were to continue.

Mr. Herrick read a telegram from Ambassador Jusserand, expressing the hope of "no peace at all if it is not to be a glorious and definite peace," and then introduced Commander Booth, who spoke of the work of the Salvation Army in France and presented several war workers of the army recently returned from France.

Two of them, the McAllister sisters, champion doughnut fryers of the expeditionary force, in one night cooked 3,000 of the dainties so that a regiment coming out of the trenches might be fed.

Bishop Muldoon told of the plans which the 102 diocese of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States had made for the collection of the fund.

\$54,354,034 Spent By Y.M.C.A. to Aid American Fighters

Statement Issued by George W. Perkins Shows How Association Helps Soldiers

Between the time of arrival of the first American contingent in France and July 31, 1918, the Y. M. C. A. shipped 14,510,000 packets of chewing gum to the expeditionary forces.

The report of Y. M. C. A. activities from April 26, 1917, to July 31, 1918, made public yesterday, invests other humble time accelerators with imposing figures. For example, 848,785,802 cigarettes were shipped to France.

Then there were things like shaving soap, 263,000 sticks, and tooth paste, 551,520 tubes.

It isn't the big deprivations that matter in a soldier's life; he discounts them when he puts on the uniform. It's the little pet habits he misses. Those are the gaps the Y. M. C. A. is filling.

Does the doughboy crave sweets? Up to July 31 the Y. M. C. A. had sent abroad 257,500 pounds of candy and 341,481 pounds of chocolate. Are there a few moments when playing cards would come in handy? The Y. M. C. A. had sent 77,760 packs to France by July 31. Is there a letter that must be written? The Y. M. C. A. distributes 1,000,000 sheets of writing paper a day among expeditionary troops and more than 2,000,000 sheets a day in training camps.

A great array of figures marches straight through the report in columns of baseballs, basketballs, phonograph records, razors, medicine balls, catchers' mitts and everything conceivable that a soldier might need.

The statement, issued by George W. Perkins, chairman of the finance committee of the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A., shows that up to July 31 the organization had handled \$54,354,034.04, of which more than \$400,000 represented interest on contributions. On that date the Y. M. C. A. had on hand a balance of more than \$17,000,000.

Since then the balance has been wiped out and a deficit substituted. For the elimination of this the association is dependent upon the success of the United War Work Campaign.

Since July 31 overseas expenditures have surpassed expenditures at home. Prior to that date the reverse was true.

Mayor Denies Coal Survey Was Aimed At U. S. Fuel Board

Says Price Increase Will Cost Poor of City Many Millions

Wants An Inventory

Offers to Co-operate to Limit With Garfield to Halt Suffering

In a letter addressed to United States Fuel Administrator Garfield yesterday Mayor Hylan denied any intention of hindering or elaborating upon the distribution plans of Federal authorities by his police survey of New York City's coal bins. The letter answered a telegram from Mr. Garfield in which the motive and the utility of the local survey were questioned.

Explains His Survey
The Mayor wrote:
"This investigation is made to obtain an inventory of the coal supply in the City of New York so that those who have an excess supply could be appealed to to help the less fortunate who might be without coal, as hundreds of people were last winter, resulting in great suffering and distress."

Request has been made upon the fuel administration authorities in this city as to the amount of coal on hand here, and their response has been that there is no man or body in this city who has in his or their possession the information above requested.

"I note by the press that you have allowed another increase in the price of coal of 95 cents a ton because of the increase in the wages of miners, which, if report is correct, amounts to about 50 cents a week. The people who were unable to obtain coal when they had complied with all the requirements of the Fuel Administration months ago must now pay 95 cents more a ton. This will take millions out of the pockets of the poor people of this city."

Expresses an Emergency
"The people look to me as Mayor to be sufficiently interested in their welfare to be prepared in the case of an emergency to assist them. Unless I know the actual conditions I will not be in a position to advise or help them. It is my plain duty to the people of this city to guard and protect their interests as far as it lies within my power, and I cannot see what objection there is to the Mayor knowing the actual conditions of the coal supply in this city. There is no intention on my part in any way to embarrass or interfere with the fuel administration work in this city."

"The City of New York during my administration will render every possible assistance to the Federal authorities in the future, as it has in the past."

Fake War Charities Cost N. Y. \$4,000,000

Americans Have Lost Huge Sum in Gift, Says Investigator

Promoters of fake war charities cheated Americans out of \$25,000,000 or more since the war began, according to William Bullock, of the American Victory Union. In New York City alone, Mr. Bullock said yesterday, their grant amounted to \$4,000,000.

Mr. Bullock made this statement following extensive investigation by his organization, which has revealed, he said, "a great and complicated system of ring of international graft in connection with war and war relief work."

Money collected in this country by so-called war charities has been sent in many instances, according to Mr. Bullock, to "dummy committees" in Europe, whence it has found its way into the pockets of private individuals.

The fact turned up by the Victory Union will be used, he said, in support of a bill now before the United States Senate providing for the placing of all war charities under Federal supervision.

Woman Is Burned to Death As Result of a Gas Blast

Mrs. Isidor Merrill, wife of one of the largest oyster planters of this state, was burned to death last night in a gas explosion at her home, 49 South Avenue, Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island. She smelled gas escaping and it is supposed she lighted a match and caused an explosion which set fire to her dress. She was sixty-five years old.



Drawings by Paris school children will be exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum of Art November 14 to 25.

F. H. W. Ross, head of the National Marine League of the United States, will speak at the Advertisers Club Wednesday.

Induction of applicants for the Ground Force School of the United States, will be announced yesterday.

A reception committee which will welcome for the city Friday the French and Belgian military officers' training school which opens December 1 at Camp Fremont, California.

Mrs. A. M. Crosby has offered her home, at 4 West Ninth Street, to the War Camp Community Service as a club for army and navy officers.

Police who have been searching for the five masked men who held up the saloon of Edward Mott, at 125 Greenpoint Avenue, Brooklyn, Sunday morning, and escaped by automobile, arrested yesterday Benjamin Weinberg, of 117 Metropolitan Avenue, who had been the chauffeur. "Joe" Faus is held as a material witness.

Robert Crispien, 1004 Avenue M, Brooklyn, is dying in Norwegian Hospital from injuries received when he fell seventy-one feet from the elevated structure at Third Avenue and Forty-first Street, Brooklyn. It is said he was thrown from the station platform by a train.

Peace Industry Needs Placed First in War Board Inquiry

Conference Called to Consider Further Cut in Non-Essentials Turns Attention to Speeding Up Building Programmes as Soon as Hostilities Cease

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Instead of discussing further restrictions on construction classed as non-essential in war times, the conference here tomorrow and Tuesday of representatives of the State Councils of Defense with Chairman Bernard Baruch and other officials of the War Industries Board will deal almost exclusively with the question of "after-the-war" construction.

The conference when originally called a month ago was intended to determine whether more types of non-war construction could be delayed until the end of the war. Now that the signing of an armistice seems to be a matter of hours, the presence of the representatives of several states in Washington will be utilized to obtain information of what building programmes should be given preference when hostilities cease.

Included in the hundred delegates who are here for the conference are five Governors, with the chairman of the state councils of defense. The state councils recently were given additional authority by the War Industries Board to pass on non-war construction, being virtually the government's representatives in the matter of restricting civilian building so that resources might be applied in the fullest measure to war purposes.

As the state councils aided the government in restricting non-essential construction work, so also will they be called upon to continue to encourage civilian construction so that industry, now facing cancellation of war contracts, may find available orders for building material for "peace time" construction.

One of the features of the conference will be a dinner to-morrow night to Chairman Baruch. The delegates will be addressed by Secretary of War Baker, Fuel Administrator Garfield, Food Administrator Hoover and other governmental chiefs.

The New York council of Defense will be represented at the conference by William A. Orr and Frederic E. Foster. It is expected they will ask for immediate authority to resume the great building programme that has been virtually stopped in New York State by reason of concentration on war products. Included in this programme is the \$9,000,000 school building scheme recently abandoned by the New York City government.

A tremendous boom in building is bound to follow the war in New York City is the belief of many contractors and real estate owners here. Already the need for new buildings is urgent, and to relieve this the Mayor's Committee on National Defense intends to apply to the War Industries Board for permission to resume part of the \$100,000,000 worth of construction work halted by the war.

George McDonald, of the committee, said yesterday that he hoped that the board would now put a more liberal interpretation on the order checking non-essential production.

Meanwhile, plans for new buildings are being perfected by the hundred by old and new building syndicates. Among these latter is a Cleveland syndicate, the Seven Forty Superior Avenue Company, of which J. G. Russell is president.

This syndicate has bought a tract of 175 lots at Douglaston Park, Long Island, which it proposes to improve with dwellings as well as general business conditions permit. In part payment for the lots it gave to the Douglaston Realty Company the Parry-Payne Building, at 730 to 740 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, now fully occupied and yielding an annual rental of \$75,000.

J. W. Doolittle, who negotiated the transaction and developed Douglaston Park, retains an interest in the lots sold.

The Parry-Payne Building is within two blocks of the proposed site for a union station for all railroads entering Cleveland.

Mayor's Committee To Ask Travis to Delay Tax Sale Back Up Newsboys

Conference To-day Will Seek Postponement of Nassau County List

Refusing to follow the example of their superiors in the city government who attempted to assist in suppressing the strike of newsboys against "The New York American" and "The Evening Journal," the Bridge Painters' Association of the Department of Plant and Structures has approved the newsboys' campaign against the Hearst papers and adopted resolutions assuring the vendors of its moral sympathy and support.

This action was taken by the association at a meeting at 201 William Street, following the recital by Andrew Stanton, the newsboys' leader, of the grievances of his associates and the harsh treatment accorded them by the Hearst agents.

Administration Tactics
He denounced the use of the city's administrative machinery for the benefit of Mr. Hearst, referring particularly to the action of the Mayor and the License Commissioner in threatening to cancel the licenses of the vendors who would not handle the Hearst newspapers.

The resolution, introduced by Peter Peterson, president of the association, reads:

"Whereas, The newsboys of the City of New York are endeavoring to better their living conditions, and to that end have requested the publishers of the daily papers of the city to allow them a little more profit, so that they may be enabled to meet the present high cost of living; and

"Whereas, The said newsboys contend that their fair demands were refused them solely through the influence of the publisher of 'The New York American' and 'The Evening Journal,' which papers the said newsboys claim they are being forced to handle, although a great many of the people will not buy them, for patriotic reasons; and

"Whereas, The Bridge Painters' Association of the Department of Plant and Structures of the City of New York hereby expresses its sincere sympathy with and indorses the strike of the newsboys of the greater city for a better living, and as a loyal labor organization extends to them its moral assistance."

Public Service Commission Will Hold Hearing on Proposed Plan
Plans to relieve congestion on transit lines by arbitrary extension of the rush hour periods will be discussed tomorrow at a conference between the Public Service Commission and representatives of various industries and civic organizations.

Regulations of the Health Department during the influenza epidemic, which opened and closed theatres and business houses in scheduled groups, might be made permanent, it was suggested by Chairman C. B. Hubbell. This scheme, he pointed out, would prevent thousands of workers from pouring into the streets at virtually the same hour mornings and evenings.

"The commission has advocated such a plan for years," said Commissioner Hubbell, "but little headway was made because of a lack of a common purpose among the industries and because the commission was without power to enforce regulations."

"During the epidemic the Health Department's order spread the rush hours over longer periods, and operators of the subway lines reported congestion was materially lessened. Since the return to the old business hours the high points of congestion are again occurring on many lines."

Heroes' Park Proposed

If the directors of the Army and Navy Service Station of the Young Men's Democratic League have their way, Battery Park will have its historic title taken from it and be known henceforth as Heroes' Park, in memory of the soldiers and sailors from New York City who have died in the war.

The directors met yesterday at the league's headquarters, 1381 Broadway, and decided to send a letter to Mayor Hylan asking that this be done. A committee also was appointed to make arrangements for the erection of a suitable monument facing the Statue of Liberty.

Recount Demand To Be Decided To-day

The Republican State Committee is considering the advisability of demanding a recount in the recent state election. A complete investigation of the manner in which the vote was cast and counted is now being made, and by noon to-day the body expects to be in possession of sufficient information to determine whether the irregularities of the upstate vote warrant taking the matter into the courts.

The law provides that notice of a contest must be filed with the courts within twenty days after an election. Party leaders will confer with George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee.

Stories of irregularities in New York, as well as upstate, have reached the ears of Governor Whitman, who has been in Chicago, left there last night and will arrive in New York to-day. If any action is determined upon he will be on hand to aid in formulating plans.

Man Killed by Automobile
Thomas Fogarty, gasfitter, of 134 West Ninety-third Street, was killed by an automobile at Ninety-seventh Street and Riverside Drive yesterday. The car was owned and driven by L. R. Latrobe, 151 Henry Street, Brooklyn.

Telegraphers Here Demand Action by Union Committee

Tell Koenekamp to Come to New York or Strike Will Be Started

Attack on Burleson

Organization Head Pleads for Delay Until War Board Has Acted

S. J. Koenekamp, of Washington, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, was notified yesterday by the Western Union operators of New York that unless he came here, and personally assumed charge of the situation a walkout of nationwide magnitude might be expected immediately.

The letter to Koenekamp, signed by the Western Union executive committee for system Division No. 2, reads:

"Postponement of the strike has caused intense dissatisfaction among union telegraphers in New York City. Indignation at the inaction of the wire control committee grows hourly. The telegraphers of New York are open to the possibility of being taken advantage of by those who are not in the situation. Help us to keep our ankles free. Unless you come to New York to compose the situation a walkout will occur, which will undoubtedly result in a nation-wide strike, as our sympathizers in other cities are legion."

W. D. FAHNESTOCK, C. W. CHRISTENSEN, L. SCHWADRON, H. D. ROSEN.

Western Union keymen were scheduled to strike this morning, but a postponement was announced upon word from Koenekamp that he had appeared to the War Labor Board. In his letter to local keymen Koenekamp said:

"It is not probable that government control will end in a hurry, if at all. It is not likely that agencies such as the National War Labor Board will be disbanded before the plans of reconstruction have been worked out. The rights guaranteed the strikers by President Wilson in his proclamation of April 8, 1918, will not be taken away."

3,500 Chicken Pluckers at Koshers Markets on Strike
Kosher butcher shops numbering 400 were affected by strike of 3,500 chicken pluckers, store tenders and order boys yesterday. Pickets will be posted at the shops to-day, according to Isidore Korn, business agent for the Kosher Butchers' Union.

The strikers demand a minimum of \$25 a week for butchers and \$450 a day for help.

Eighty employing butchers are said to have signed the new wage agreement and their employees have returned to work.

Hotels Ready to Serve Patrons, Despite Walkout
Managers of the Vanderbilt and Plaza hotels whose kitchen and dining room staffs went on strike Saturday, reported yesterday that little difficulty was experienced in serving patrons. At the Vanderbilt it was said that normal service would be restored to-day.

W. H. Marshall, manager of the Vanderbilt, said that only 10 per cent of the men accepted their pay envelopes when they walked out. The rest seemed dissatisfied with the strike order, he said, and left their money at the hotel.

At the Plaza the main dining room has been closed temporarily. Here also it was declared that only part of the strikers left their work willingly. At the headquarters of the International Association of Hotel Workers yesterday it was said no extension of the strike is contemplated now.

Clothing Manufacturers Say They Agreed to U. S. As Arbitrator in Strike

The American Men's and Boys' Clothing Manufacturers' Association issued a statement yesterday denying it had refused to arbitrate the differences which caused the strike of 16,000 clothing makers in New York City. The association, which is headed by its managing director, Leon Mann, of its Association said the appeal of the William Z. Ripley, representing the War Department, that the matter be referred to him, was accepted by the employers, who stipulated that both the wage question and the demands for a 44-hour week be submitted. The association, in reply, agreed to submit the wage question only. Mr. Mann said.

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Negroes Make Protest Ask Punishment of Leaders of North Carolina Lynchers

Vigorous demands for the investigation and prosecution of the lynchers in Raleigh, N. C., November 10, were forwarded to Governor Ricketts of North Carolina by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The telegrams, forwarded to the Governor and Solicitor Herbert N. Morris, of Wake County, N. C., commend the prosecutor for making other efforts to bring the guilty mob leaders to justice. The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, the Governor and other officials and organizations are called upon to support President Wilson's appeal of July 28 against lynching and mob violence.

Orators To Be Trained

The "Speakers' Plattsburg" for the training of soap box patriotic orators is to resume to-night at the Bar Association, 42 West Forty-fourth Street, with Martin W. Littleton as instructor. All members of the National Security League's "Flying Squadron" are expected to attend.

Similar meetings are to be held every Monday night for the next few months. They are for the purpose of training the members of the squadron for public speaking. Among the speakers who will address the embryo orators are: Judge William H. Woodruff, Frederic R. Couderc, Estlin Mergenthau, Rev. Dr. Charles M. Beck, Federal Judge Mayor, James M. Beck, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Charles Edward Russell, Mrs. August Belmont, Rev. Dr. Christian F. Reiser and Ralph Stephen S. Wise.